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In re Application of:)	
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Shigeaki KATO, et al.)	Confirmation No.: 1925
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For: METHOD OF SCREENING FOR)	
PHARMACEUTICALS BY DETECTING)	
CROSS TALK BETWEEN INTRACELLULAR)	
SIGNALS AND INTRANUCLEAR RECEPTORS)	

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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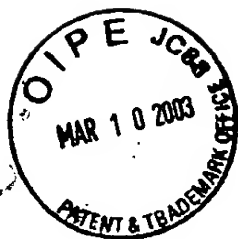
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AMENDMENT & REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, the time period for response to which expired December 10, 2002. An extension of time for three months is being filed concurrently, thereby extending the period for response to March 10, 2002. Entry of the following remarks and reconsideration of the claimed subject matter is respectfully requested:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment & Reply in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002.

2. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

[X] Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months RequestedFee for Extension[Fee for Small Entity]

[] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[] two months	\$ 410.00	\$205.00
[X] three months	\$ 930.00	\$465.00
[] four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00

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3. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining		Previously Paid	Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims	6	minus	20	0	at \$18 each =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	minus	3	0	at \$84 each =	\$0.00
First presentation of Multiple dependent claim					\$270.00	
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						\$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

4. Fee Payment

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 50-0310 in the amount of \$930.00 for a three-month extension of time.

5. Other Papers Enclosed:

- Certificate of Verification of translation of priority document
- Translation of Priority application (JP Application No. 017818/1998)
- Copies of four abstracts (*Chrivia et al.*, *Echner et al.*, *Lundblad et al.*, and *Chakravarti et al.*)

6. Constructive Petition:

- ☒ Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be



required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted
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